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2017 IN REVIEW

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ELK POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S Grade 5A students perform a traditional carol, 'O Come, All Ye Faithful,' on voice and recorder at the first of two well-attended Christmas Concerts very much enjoyed not only by the families in attendance, but by a wider audience who watched the live streamed version on the Internet.

Diane Dewan photo

Old favourites, new technology for EPE concerts

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Elementary School greeted the approach of Christmas vacation with a pair of Christmas concerts that combined favourites of the past with newly learned musical skills and modern technology that allowed not only proud families but the entire community and family members and friends far away to enjoy the shows.

The Dec. 20 and 21 concerts were identical except for the Kindergarten classes, with the KA class performing in Wednesday's show and KB on Thursday. Both shows were live streamed on the Internet and also were available for later viewing.

"There are probably five or six people watching at home somewhere," principal Rob MacDonald joked as he welcomed the audience and acknowledged the efforts of the staff and students who put on the shows. "It takes a lot of practice and polish but it came together very well."

The Kindergarten students started off the show, with some of the Grade 5 students joining them as they danced to "Here We Come A-Wassailing," an old traditional carol.

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Reeve reflects on county's trial by weather in 2017

Twice the gravel, extra contractors needed to keep roads passable

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

For many people in the area, the trials of 2016 seemed to roll into the earlier part of 2017, with spring snowstorms wreaking havoc on back roads, and crops that had been left on the ground through the winter months.

When the snow did melt, it was apparent that the abnormal freeze and thaw pattern had done damage to a significant portion of the County of St. Paul's infrastructure.

Some roads were damaged to the point where they had to be rebuilt, explains County of St. Paul Reeve Steve Upham, when speaking of the past 12 months. In one instance, it took until the fall for a road to dry up enough for work to be done. When the road was built over 20 years ago, it was built to what was thought to be the high water mark at the time.

Upham estimates that the county used about twice the amount of gravel on county roads in 2017, and admitted that it was tough to explain to ratepayers why the roads were in the condition they were in.

Extra contractors were hired to help with roadwork,

and the county applied for disaster relief from the province, but has yet to hear back if it will receive any funding to help cover the extra costs that have been incurred.

The year also started off tough for many local farmers who had left crops in fields over the winter months, due to unusual fall weather. Upham, a farmer himself, says that he's been in the area for 40 years now, and had never seen the amount of crop volume left on the ground, as he saw in 2016.

The wet and cold fall weather translated into a late start for the 2017 seeding season, since producers had to get their crops off the field before seeding could even begin.

"The first six months of the year were trying," said Upham. He added that the county was about six weeks behind on road construction, due to spring snowstorms.

But, work did get done. The Northern Valley Road had 11.5km of base construction done, and if granting opportunities allow, Upham says the county could be paving that road in the next couple of years.

The county also invested into its gravel crusher in 2017, which has resulted in a high quality and quantity of gravel being produced.

"Ratepayers have been able to see a better quality (of gravel) being put on the roads," says Upham.

He notes that the county will also have to continue to be mindful about dealing with beaver issues and high water levels.

"We have to be really cognizant and proactive on where we have beaver issues," says Upham, adding, it's a balance between maintaining water levels that work for residents, the environment, and farmers.

The county's largest drinking water project continued to move forward in 2017, with an inter-basin water transfer being granted, which will allow for the Mallaig waterline to be built in 2018. The inter-basin transfer allows for the project to move ahead since water is coming from the North Saskatchewan watershed, into the Beaver River watershed.

The Ashmont to Mallaig waterline is set to be built in 2018. The past year also signified one year since the Spedden to Ashmont/Lottie Lake waterline was built.

"It's been great," said Upham, when speaking about the Ashmont/Lottie Lake waterline. He described the line as being "trouble free" with no issues being seen so far.

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KA students and the Grade 5s share a dance at Wednesday's show.



Grade 1A students jingle up a storm to 'Jingle Bells.'



Grade 1 B tells the tale of 'Suzy Snowflake'.

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Concerts

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More tradition came in the following numbers, with a succession of narrators giving insight into the history of each song. The 3B class played a wide variety of homemade instruments in their rendition of the title song from a 1934 operetta, "Babes in Toyland," followed by the 2Bs playing hand bells and singing out the story of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," which dates back to 1939.

With everyone familiar with the much older story, the beloved poem "The Night Before Christmas," the 4B class went another step back in time and told the entertaining story of "The Night Before the Night Before Christmas," where every home is full of a million things left to prepare for the festivities.

The audience then learned that "Silent Night," one of the favourite carols of all time, was a poem set to music in 1834 and now sung in 300 languages, and at EPE, played by the Grade 5B students on their recorders. A less familiar instrument brought the audience fast forward into the late 1900s, as the Grade 6B class played Elvis Presley's "Blue Christmas" on ukuleles.

A more enthusiastic band of jingle bell ringers could scarcely be found than the 1A students, who played and sang everyone's favourite song of the one-horse open sleigh, "Jingle Bells."

The crowd learned that the craft of snowman construction dates back to the Middle Ages, before the Grade 4A class recited "A Snowman" poem, and sang "Frosty the Snowman." The 4As then clustered on the stage and risers to hear very special guests, Lawrence Pidluzny on Wednesday and Mona McGinnis on Thursday, read "Davey's First Christmas," the story of the Bethlehem innkeeper's son and his faithful donkey who prepared the stable for the very special visitors.

Then it was the 2A's turn with the hand bells, as they accompanied and sang "Away in a Manger."

A very different instrument took centre stage next, as Grade 3A performed "Deck the Halls" with a boom whacker accompaniment. The Grade 6As played "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" on ukuleles, and Grade 5A "O Come, All Ye Faithful" on recorders before the 1B students were in the spotlight with rhythm sticks and slide whistles to play "Suzy Snowflake," a standard at Christmas concerts for decades.

The 1Bs then took a seat on the edge of the stage as all the B classes joined them for the first of two finales, to perform a very Canadian version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," which centers around "A Porcupine in a Pine Tree."

Then it was the Kindergarten and all the A classes' turn, crowding onto the stage to perform the original "Twelve Days", which wrapped up the show in fine fashion.

Many thanks to Diane Dewan for providing the Review with photos from the concerts.

Elk Point & District Ag. Society Annual General Meeting

7 pm, Monday, Jan. 8, 2018

Horizon Room, A.G. Ross Arena
Contact: Margaret 780-210-0518 or
margaretbayduza@gmail.com



Grade 2A students ring those hand bells to "Away in a Manger."



'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' gets a handbell accompaniment from Grade 2B.



Grade 3A students 'Deck the Halls' with boomwhackers.



Lawrence Piidluzny was Wednesday's storyteller.



STORYTELLER
Mona McGinnis read the story of 'Davey's First Christmas' to the 4A students at Thursday's concert.



KB students and their Grade 5 partners take a bow after their Thursday performance.

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1. To receive the financial statements of the Association for the financial year end;
2. To elect Directors of the Association;
3. To appoint an Auditor of the Association;
4. To amend or accept amendments of By-laws
5. To transact such other business, if any, as may properly come before the meeting.

EDITORIAL

Here we go again!

Every year at this time, we look back at the predictions made at the beginning of the previous year, and see how accurate they were, before going on to make a new set for the coming year.

Let's see how we did in 2017...

Elk Point's July 1 celebration of Canada's 150th birthday was well planned and well carried out, and although attendance wasn't as enormous as the committee had anticipated, those who did attend had a blast. The new US president got lots of press, according to him, much of it 'fake news'. but none from this source, which tended to ignore his antics. The quest for a new Alberta PC leader turned into the quest for a leader of an all-new party instead. And yes, the walking trail project is completed at last, and the local fitness enthusiasts now includes a brand new pole walking group, something we only vaguely knew existed back in January 2017.

And now, for 2018, we venture to predict....

The Town of Elk Point, which took advantage of a rare opportunity to link two water lines this year as part of their rehabilitation project, will suffer less water breaks because of the upgrades, which will be a major cost saving in the long run.

A third doctor will actually become part of the local medical scene, and bring even more patients to Elk Point from other areas where they can't get an appointment in a timely fashion.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce will get a new president who will inspire new ideas and new solutions to the long term debt problem.

And, dare we say, Elk Point's hockey hero Mark 'the Marksman' Letestu will be properly recognized with the installation of a sign that inspires other local athletes to follow in his footsteps. Here's hoping.



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WAY BACK WHEN...

Reduced arrears, First Night, first arrival, emergency closure

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 2 IN...

1988

Elk Point started the new year with a new bylaw officer, Bernie Nelson, after the retirement of Ralph Riemer, whose other duties as development officer and building inspector were reassigned to town administrator Pat Vincent. The town had a "phenomenal reduction" in tax arrears, with only \$12,772 left unpaid at the end of the year instead of over \$81,000 the previous year, Vincent told council at the first meeting of the new year.

1993

Bicentennial coordinator Billie Milholland spent New Year's Eve moving a year's accumulation of data and informational material out of the project headquarters, with the year-long celebration all over by the final report. Agriculture Minister Ernie Isley met with the Alberta Cow-Calf Association and was presented with a position paper asking that input costs be lowered by the renegotiation of interest rates for the Alberta Farm Credit Stabilization Program and that the national tripartite stabilization program be retained.

1998

Elk Point's fourth annual First Night Festival took advantage of the last day of nice weather, with activities ranging from horse-drawn wagon rides, courtesy

F. G. Miller High School's Class of 2013 didn't let the lack of the gymnasium stop them from continuing the long Crusader tradition of serving pre-Christmas brunch to fellow students. Turkey and all the trimmings was lined up and ready for Grades 7 to 11, who returned to their classrooms to enjoy the feast.



of Stewart and Charlene Bintz, free curling and skating a variety show at the Seniors' Recreation Centre, 4-H visitors for the Parkview and Heritage Lodge, before icy winds blew in just as the fireworks display started, with snow following close behind.

2003

Building permits made a gradual climb in 2002, after bottoming out in 2001, with nine permits for construction totalling \$543,000 in value issued, including three for new homes. Town council spent New Year's Eve day fine-tuning their operating budget and agreed that the town would be looking for more revenue sources in the new year.

2008

Elk Point's first arrival of 2008 was a brand new home that drew a crowd of onlookers as it was lowered into place on its foundation. The chamber of commender started off the year by looking for a new executive, with past president Rod Randall in charge of the nominating committee.

2013

A shortage of staff resulted in temporary closures for the Elk Point Healthcare Centre emergency department over the holiday season, according to Alberta Health Services (AHS), with the emergency department was closed overnight from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. between Dec. 24 and Jan. 2, due to a lack of staff coverage,

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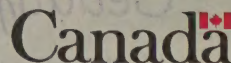
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Looking back at milestones, major events of 2017

Another year is in the history books, and here is a rundown of the top news stories from Elk Point and surrounding area in the past 12 months.

January

The brand new 2017 started off with the news that the sixth annual 2nd Chance Trail Ride would head west from Elk Point to Elk Point, after five years of traveling east to Heinsburg, where major upgrades of the community hall kitchen were on the new calendar. Fundraising was underway for Terri Castle and her family, who had escaped a Christmas Eve house fire, with another fundraising effort in the works for the ROCK (Reclaiming Our Complex Kids) Foundation, which was hoping to amass enough to receive matching grants for resources and activities for local youth.

A zero fish harvest was implemented at Stoney Lake as a result of a large summer kill in 2016, with high hopes that fish stocks would recover by later in the year. Elk Point Elks started off the year with a bang, snuffing out Viking Gas Kings' pilot light with a 21-1 win.

Elk Point Healthcare Auxiliary celebrated 40 years of service, with three members of the original 1976 executive, vice president Joslien Wannechko, secretary Deanna Fakeley and president Ruth Vogel, on hand to share memories of the early days they shared with the late Violet McFadyen, who had been their treasurer, the late Elsie Oryschuk, canteen chair, and Rilla Higgins, publicity chair. Town council made a major announcement, passing a resolution to rehabilitate existing water lines on Circle Drive, 52 St. and Ravine Drive over the next two years.

Elk Point and District Agricultural Society was among 14 communities in northern and central Alberta to share in \$1.75 million in Canada 150 funding, the \$54,235 grant timely for needed upgrades to the A. G. Ross Arena, which would host Midget 'D' Provincials in March. Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club marked 35 years of celebrating their culture at the annual Malanka with everything from the traditional presentation of

bread and salt to the high-flying Hopak finale.

Thirty three Elks Hockey Club alumni laced up their skates, with another five as coaches, to honour the memory of former Elks player Mike Boratynec, who passed away the previous autumn, the game held as part of a memory-packed reunion for the team. Elk Point Municipal Library celebrated Family Literacy Day with everything from card games and board games to a giant-sized Jenga, with fun for all ages from tots to seniors.

February

Whaler Industrial Contractors, skipped by Guy Lapointe, defeated Shamrock Valley Enterprises, skipped by Leonard Gadowski, in a rematch of the 2016 Oilmen's Bonspiel grand challenge, when Shamrock went home with the trophies. Geoff Hyslop, who had served as Elk Point Chamber of Commerce treasurer since 2010, was elected as the group's new president, with no treasurer found to replace him at the Annual Meeting.

The Town of Elk Point recreation department brought in the County of St. Paul's director of corporate services and "grant guru" Kyle Attanasio for a well attended grant information session for non-profit groups. Elk Point Elks stamped the Dewberry Mustangs by a margin of three games to one to advance to the next round of league playoffs against Hillmond Hitmen.

A major water main break on 52 Ave. that took two days to repair was followed by another two days later on Main Street just north of Railway Ave. that had businesses bearing the brunt of having their water shut off, the two breaks "speaking to the reason we are doing the rehabilitation project," Deputy Mayor Lorne Young told council. The County of St. Paul agreed to move ahead with its own census after the federal census indicated a population drop that could cost the county between \$20,000 and \$26,000 per year in grant funding.

Lakeland MP Shannon Stubbs joined Lac La Biche - St. Paul - Two Hills MLA David Hanson, Wildrose party leader Brian Jean, Bonnyville - Cold Lake MLA Scott Cyr, Chestermere - Rocky View MLA Leela Aheer and Olds - Didsbury - Three Hills MLA Nathan Cooper for a very well attended "Alberta

Talks" dinner and discussion session at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre. Elk Point 4-H Multi Club members were enthusiastic communicators at their annual Communications Event, with Shaylyn Klatt, Jove Boorse and Darianna Boorse advancing to district competition.

March

Escaped convicts, gallons of coffee and believe it or not, Johnny Cash, all wound up in the same place in "A Day at the Java Shop and Greyhound Bus Depot," Elk Point Community Choir's sidesplitting dinner theatre presentation which entertained five audiences over two weekends. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce jumped on the bandwagon to support the Midget 'D' Provincials, providing the supplies for the players' pancake breakfast, while the Friends of Elk Point Library volunteering to prepare and serve the meal.

Guest skater Kyaina Galea of Edmonton and a cast of 28 local skaters rocked the A. G. Ross Arena at Elk Point Skating Club's annual ice show, this year entitled "Ages of Rock."

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MLA David Hanson's recap of 2017

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Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills MLA Dave Hanson held an open house at his office on Dec. 21, where he invited constituents to come speak with him and wind down 2017.

A member of the United Conservative Party (UCP), Hanson told the Journal a couple of different items of importance stuck out to him in 2017.

"One of the major things we had up here was a lot of flooding, because we had a lot of snow. It seemed like we almost had three spring thaws and it caused a lot of damage," said Hanson.

He believes people must be prepared for next spring, in case flooding issues happen again, and recommends residents take extra precautions in specific cases where homes are located near bodies of water.

He went on to mention a focal point for another issue that he feels was somewhat dismissed by the province.

"One thing that's been on everyone's mind is rural crime. So we've been trying to deal with that. We tried to have an emergency debate at the legislature this fall but (the NDP) didn't think it was important enough to hold a debate on that."

According to Statistics Canada, in 2016 Alberta had over 221,000 prop-

erty crime violations, to go with a shade below 90,000 theft under \$5,000 charges. Updated 2017 statistics will only be available next year.

Looking ahead to 2018, Hanson says there is an issue right out of the gate.

"Another big one that's coming up on Jan. 1 is the increase in carbon tax," Hanson said.

"That's already hitting some businesses, and we've had some local charities that have been suffering (from) not only from carbon tax but the increase in minimum wage . . . I don't want to sound negative but that's the phone calls I get."

But, one of the positives he saw happen in 2017 is legislation that went through this fall for Silver Alert, a system in place that works similarly like Amber Alerts for a missing child but for senior citizens that may have dementia.

As for 2018, the economy is what the government needs to focus on in the coming year, according to Hanson.

"We need to focus on getting good quality jobs back, especially in the oil and gas industry."

He added, "It takes (a while) for those good paying jobs, for that trickle down effect, to get to the (services) in town and to start bringing up the house pricing again. It takes a long time to get back to where we were in 2014."



NOTICE
Public Hearing – January 22, 2018
2018 Elk Point Utility Rates Going Up



The water/sewer rates for the Town of Elk Point are being proposed to increase due to the Regional Water Commission rate increase and the Capital costs for the water reservoir as well replacing 700 meters with new electronic meters, 274 have been completed already.

NOTE: Rates to be effective January 1, 2018 Consumption

Proposed Elk Point utility rates increase are for 3 reasons:

1. To cover the costs of the Elk Point/St. Paul Regional Water Commission water increase from \$2.02 m³ to \$2.10 m³ effective January 1, 2018 Consumption;
2. To cover the cost of new electronic water meters (700) being replaced; and
3. To cover the costs of the upgrades to the Town's water system (reservoir).

The 2015, 2016, 2017 rates and the new proposed 2018 rate are outlined below:

	2015/2016 Rate		2017 Rate		2018 Rate
	Residential	Non Residential	Residential	Non Residential	Residential & Non Residential
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Basic Sewer	11.00	11.00	15.00	15.00	17.00
Garbage	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Garbage Bins (Res)	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
Water Meter Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
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In accordance with Section 230 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, Town of Elk Point will be holding a Public Hearing at 7:00 PM Monday, January 22, 2018 to consider a water rate increase of \$16.00 per month Residential and \$19.00 month Non-Residential effective January 1, 2018 Consumption. First billing period will be February 2018.

If you have any comments or concerns please submit in writing on or before January 17, 2018 to Town Office at 4914 – 50 Avenue (Po Box 448) or you are welcome to attend the Public Hearing on January 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Thank you.

Check out the
Beautiful Babies of 2017
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HOMEMADE INSTRUMENTS created by the 3B class accompanied their rendition of 'Babes in Toyland' (above).



POETRY AND SONG - Grade 4A ((above left) recited 'A Snowman' and sang 'Frosty the Snowman,' while Grade 4 B recited 'The Night Before the Night Before Christmas.'



RECORDERS - Grade 5 B (left) played a lovely rendition of 'Silent Night' on recorders.



UKULELE CHRISTMAS - Grade 6A (below left) played 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' and 6B (below) played Elvis Presley's 'Blue Christmas' on ukuleles for a unique touch.

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Qualifications:

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- Excellent oral and written communication skills with strong attention to detail.
- Strong organizational, time management, problem solving, and multi-tasking skills are essential.
- Experience working in a post-secondary environment is a definite asset.
- Knowledge of the Students' Association and Portage College programs and services would be beneficial.
- Ability to work independently and a part of a dynamic and integrated team, as well as motivate and recruit students for various events and projects.

Closing Date: January 8, 2018

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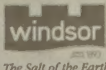
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Stolen property recovered, charges laid

ELK POINT RCMP

On Dec. 19, 2017, at about 2:30 p.m., Elk Point RCMP with assistance from St. Paul Police Dog Services (PDS) executed a search warrant at a residence in Frog Lake First Nation.

As a result, several stolen items were recovered. Police seized two stolen trucks, a Polaris ATV, truck tires, two firearms, ammunition, \$1000 U.S. currency, marihuana (seven grams), and other drug paraphernalia.

A 49-year-old male from Frog Lake was arrested and charged with possession of stolen property over \$5000, public mischief, various firearms offences and breach of probation.

He was remanded into custody and appeared in court on Dec. 23. William Desjarlais entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to 60 days in custody.

Property crimes are a priority for the RCMP. Alberta RCMP are committed to increased inter-agency communication, shared criminal intelligence and a strategic focus on prolific property crimes offenders, in keeping with the K Division emphasis on crime reduction strategies.

RCMP investigate shoplifting incident

Elk Point RCMP are investigating a shoplifting incident that occurred at a local store.

The incident occurred on November 23rd 2017 at 8:59pm. Elk Point RCMP were called to K&N Liquor Store where a male suspect entered the store wearing a black mask or balaclava, a grey hoodie and black gloves. The suspect stole 1.75 litre of Lamb's and walked out the door.

Elk Point RCMP are asking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect involved in this incident or for any information regarding this incident.

If you have any information about this crime or any other crime please contact the Elk Point RCMP 780-724-3964. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or by internet at www.tipssubmit.com. You do not have to reveal your identity to Crime Stoppers and if your information leads to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property and/or the seizure of illicit drugs you may be eligible for a cash reward.

Upham

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A wastewater transfer facility was also built in 2017, which will be used by residents in the Lac Sante area. As for the Evergreen Regional Landfill, Upham says work has started on the landfill's license renewal, which is due in 2018.

Changes to the Municipal Government Act will result in a number of intermunicipal collaboration frameworks/development plans being conducted, says Upham. Work has already started on many of the projects, and because local municipalities already work together, some of the pieces are already in place.

One of the biggest topics to address between municipalities will be recreation, says Upham, and work on that plan started in December.

"We look forward to working with our partners to get those documents in place."

Looking ahead, Upham hopes that 2018 will offer a "more normal" construction season when it comes to the weather, and he hopes the county can get off to an earlier start in the spring.

"We have to be very cautious about move into 2018/19," says Upham. He acknowledges that the municipality will have to be mindful of assessment numbers, and that financial management is a year-round job.

He notes that financially, the county won't know too much until March.

Following an October municipal election in 2017, Upham says he is excited to continue to work with the newly elected County of St. Paul councillors. He also is looking forward to working with the new Town of St. Paul council to continue to move the community forward, together.



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Looking back at 2017

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The state of streets and sidewalks in the wake of recent snowfalls were the main concern at the Community Advisory Policing Committee meeting, with Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich on hand to address the questions and comments

and acknowledge that town bylaws state that snow must be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours after a snowfall.

Town council approved the creation and installation of a sign proudly declaring that Elk Point is the home town of Edmonton Oiler Mark Letestu, who continues to be a positive role model and ambassador for our community. A heart-breaking overtime loss to Smoky River in the semifinals took the Atom Avalanche out of cham-

pionship contention at the Atom 'D' Provincials in Delburne.

Tyson Stafford, who was part of the Elk Point Midget Thunder team that competed in Elk Point's first-ever Midget Provincials tournament 25 years earlier, dropped the ceremonial first puck as the Midget Avalanche faced off against Pincher Creek Huskies in the 2017 version, where Valleyview trounced Eckville 4-0 in the final. Elk Point was in the midst of a baby

boom in 2016, according to Christal Brodziak of Community Health, with 30 births to parents from the area during the year, up from an average of 20, and already seven to date in 2017.

April

Elk Point Municipal Library met the challenges of what board chairman Laverne Wilson called "a trying year for our community" in 2016, finding a noticeable increase in the use of facilities, services and programs despite struggles in the

oil patch and agricultural sector. An enthusiastic group of Elk Point Storm alumni came back to town for an exhibition game against the current team and an evening of reminiscing, with their game taking place just before the beginning of the 7th Annual Jim Vinge Memorial Tournament, which carried on throughout the weekend.

Elk Point Minor Hockey celebrated both successes and volunteers, with a near-capacity crowd at the annual

year-end banquet at the Arts and Leisure Centre, where delighted Elk Point Peewee Avalanche player Wyatt Pavoll accepted the Alex Kurash Memorial Trophy. The floundering Elk Point Chamber of Commerce was seeking new energy and enthusiasm, and agreed to seek out new members and at the same time find out the opinions of both new and existing members on ways the chamber could help the business community to survive.

The Town of Elk Point once again would hold its mill rates at figures unchanged since 2011, with CAO Ken Gwozdz saying property taxes "should be within the same ballpark as last year's." A new and fast-growing sport was introduced in Elk Point, with certified Nordic Pole Walking instructor Marguerite Friesen showing an interested group what it was all about at a workshop at the Municipal Library.

Planning for the coming summer was in high gear, with the Canada Day Committee checking more details off their lists at every monthly meeting and Rural Crime Watch preparing to have their parade float rebuilt so it wouldn't hit the street at every bump. Good Friday, which brought a bad snowstorm, was still fun for those who made their way through deepening drifts to the Elk Point Fire Hall for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and pancake breakfast.

Watch for more headline highlights of 2017 in our Jan. 9 issue.

Presenting the Beautiful Babies of 2017



GRACE KRISTY MONETA

Date of Birth: June 27, 2017
Weight: 7 lbs. 15 oz.
Height: 19.5"

Daughter of Maureen (Myshaniuk) & Kevin Moneta



BOONE KELLER CUSACK

Date of Birth: Aug. 7, 2017
Weight: 6 lbs. 6 oz.
Height: 19"

Son of Shayne & Karly (Shankowski) Cusack



MAKAYLA AVERY CARON

Date of Birth: July 6, 2017
Weight: 6 lbs. 6 oz.
Height: 20.5"

Daughter of Victor Caron & Katelynn Bannister



OTTO MARSHALL ISERT

Date of Birth: Jan. 25, 2017
Weight: 7 lbs. 10 oz.
Height: 19"

Son of Kristy (Myshaniuk) & Brandon Isert



EMMA JEWELL REED

Date of Birth: May 20, 2017
Weight: 6 lbs. 13 oz.
Height: 19.6"

Daughter of Leanne (Wilson) & Matthew Reed



TUCKER LAYNE PANKIW

Date of Birth: Jan. 7, 2017
Weight: 9 lbs. 7 oz.
Height: 20.5"

Son of Rocky & Leanne Pankiw

